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**LOCAL.**—The weather continues mild; the ice in the river gone.—Schooner Alice, from New York, with an assorted cargo, supposed to have been lost, has arrived at Georgetown.—Schooner Only Son, recently sunk near the Bluff, has been raised, and brought to port.—On Wednesday night, Capt. Franks discovered a negro on his premises, stealing and carrying off a bag of coal; he fired at the negro, who dropped the plunder, and escaped.—Some negroes, on the suburbs yesterday, undertook to throw stones at a little white boy, who was not molesting them; two or three soldiers passing by, "walked into" the negroes, and flogged them severely.—It is observed that some negroes, about town, are becoming exceedingly impudent.—A number of new cases of small pox in town are reported.—The election for a member of Congress from this district, has been further postponed until Thursday, the 15th of January; it is said that the polls will be opened in but few of the counties; Lewis McKenzie and Andrew Wylie are already nominated as candidates.—A man was knocked down, on Pitt street, on Wednesday night, by some unknown persons, and seriously hurt; he is said to have been an officer; persons should be careful about walking through the streets on dark nights.

**LIBERAL DONATION.**—Through the influence of the very polite and gentlemanly agent of the Adams' Express Company, in this place, the managers of the company in New York have sent in a very liberal donation to the Alexandria Orphan Asylum, which will be appreciated.

**FIRE.**—On Wednesday night, about nine o'clock, the frame stable on the lot in the rear of the dwelling of Hugh McGinnis, on the corner of Cameron and Pitt streets, took fire, and was consumed. There was some hay in the stable at the time and two barrels of whisky, all of which were destroyed.

**SERIOUS ACCIDENT.**—Irving Clifford, son of Mr. G. W. Clifford, while handling a pistol yesterday morning, accidentally shot himself, the ball penetrating and lodging in his knee, causing a severe, if not serious wound.

**SEARCHED.**—The job printing office and residence of Mr. Wm. Steuart, on King street, were searched, on Wednesday afternoon, by military authority, but nothing obtained or elicited.

**ANOTHER ACCIDENT.**—While two little boys were playing with a pistol yesterday, at the corner of King and Washington streets, it was accidentally discharged, the ball entering the hand of one of the little fellows, causing a very severe wound.

**FOR THE POOR.**—There was collected at St. Mary's church, yesterday, upwards of \$100, for the benefit of the poor of the city.

**CHRISTMAS DAY** was a mild and pleasant one. The streets were crowded with passengers a greater part of the day—and save the firing of pistols and crackers, and some few exhibitions of unruly drunkenness on the streets—there was, generally, good order and good humor. The Catholic and Episcopal churches were decorated with evergreens, and had services appropriate to the occasion. The home gathering and family re-union, and meeting of friends were numerous, and the poor were not forgotten by our people.

**DISTURBANCE.**—There was considerable excitement at the lower end of Royal street, near Jamieson's faundry, yesterday afternoon, caused by a disturbance between some white men and negroes. During the melee, several shots were fired, and one of the negroes struck on the cheek bone by a ball, which glanced, and only inflicted a slight wound. Brickbats were freely used, and at one time a serious disturbance was expected, but the provost guard made their appearance, and soon quelled it. No arrests were made.

The sum of \$28,100, which, upwards of a year since, was seized by the then provost marshal, upon the ground that it was government property, and had been squandered at the gambling saloon of a man named Hayden, of Washington, by B. F. Gallaher, late a paymaster in the U. S. navy, was on Tuesday delivered to U. S. Marshal Lamont, upon a writ of replevin sued out of the Circuit Court by Hester L. Stevens, esq., against Hon. Gustavus F. Fox, Assistant Secretary of the Navy. The money was counted out in the marshal's office in the presence of several witnesses, and by the marshal paid over to Joseph B. Stewart, attorney of the complainant. The money consisted of \$22,000 in gold coin, \$2,000 in treasury notes, \$2,000 in District bank notes, \$2,000 in Virginia money, and a note of the Canal Bank of New Orleans of the denomination of one hundred dollars. The money was appraised by four citizens, summoned and sworn by the marshal, as of the present value of \$32,525 50.

On all hands, the press pays a deserved tribute of respect to the memory of the late Senator Pearce, of Maryland. He was opposed to secession as a constitutional remedy, and denied the right, in every sense but the revolutionary one; voted for Mr. Breckinridge, as the States Rights candidate in the last canvass. Like McMahon, and other great Maryland lawyers, he supported the decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, in the celebrated Dred Scott case; and, at a later period, opposed the suspension of the habeas corpus by the President.

The soldiers at the different U. S. hospitals, in this place, were liberally supplied with handsome Christmas dinners by the exertions of the Union ladies and others, and seemed to enjoy themselves much on the occasion.

Mr. Etheridge has presented a memorial to the President of the U. S., signed by Gov. Johnson, ex-Gov. Campbell, Hon. Wm. B. Stokes, and numerous other prominent men of Tennessee, requesting the President to omit that State from the list of districts to which his proposed proclamation of emancipation on the 1st of January next shall apply.

Lieut. Shalters, of the Pa., 88th Regiment, well known in this place, was wounded in the ankle at the battle of Fredericksburg.

The loss in Fredericksburg, by the firing into the town, was less than it was at first represented, and fewer houses have been destroyed than was originally reported.

We have Wheeling papers to the 24th inst. Nothing important is reported from the Legislature sitting in that place.

The "bursting up" of the Bullion Bank, in Washington, noticed by us last Wednesday, seems to have created no surprise.

The editor of the Parkersburg Gazette insists on that village as the best site for the capital of the new State of Western Virginia.

We owe our thanks to kind friends, for some "remembrances" on Christmas Day.

The negroes of New Orleans have a Union association and regular meetings. They are raising money to have a grand celebration on the 1st of January, commemorative of the President's proclamation.

On Wednesday, Col. Tait, Provost Marshal at Alexandria, sent to Col. Doster, Provost Marshal in Washington, the following, who were committed to the Old Capitol: H. Ryder, Geo. Porter, C. Watkins, A. Hammerstadt, and H. Warloff, prisoners of war; and W. D. Tuilly on the charge of carrying contraband goods South.

The iron-clad Patapsco, built at Wilmington, Del., is expected to arrive at the Philadelphia Navy Yard to-day completely equipped for service.

Gen. Foster, the commander of the Federal forces in North Carolina, is now in Washington.

The adjournment of Congress over for near two weeks is said to have no precedent in Congressional annals.

Several canal boats arrived at Georgetown yesterday, laden with coal, wood and grain.

There seems to be no doubt now that President Lincoln will issue his emancipation proclamation, on the first of January.

The Washington Republican complains loudly "of the condition of the contraband camps in Washington and Alexandria."

The N. Y. World says: "We have intelligence from the West which reveals the fact that all is not exactly smooth sailing even in that quarter. Our go-ahead generals have been getting rope—enough, it would seem, to endanger the free circulation."